

REMARKS

Consideration of the application as preliminary amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 16-19, and 21-30 are pending. Claims 1, 16-19, 21-24, and 27-29 are amended without prejudice and claim 30 is added without prejudice.

No new matter is added.

It is submitted that these claims are patentably distinct from the prior art, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments to the claims, and the remarks made herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Support for the amended recitation in the claims and new claim 30 is found throughout the specification.

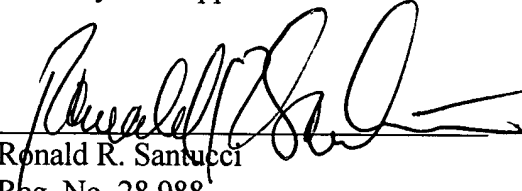
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Entry of the above amendatory matter and early examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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